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THE Navy Department has been apprised that coaling stations for United States vessels have been established on both sides of the Isthmus of Darien. Now we must wait and see what the English press proposes to do about it.

AN investigation into the influence of
males in the public service of the
United States, if pressed into personali-
ties, would be the biggest scandal this
country ever had. But there is no fear
its taking place, and when it came to
opened the defense need only write
against the wall in large letters: "Let
man who is without offense cast the first
stone," and there will never be a full
committee raised in that whole Congress
and Senate.—"Gath" in Cincinnati En-
surer.

"WHERE is your mother?" said a worthy man to a little street miser. She answered diffidently, "She is dead." "Have you no father?" "Yes, sir; but he is sick." "What ails him?" continued the questioner. "He has got a sore finger, sir." "Indeed?" "Yes, sir." "Why, don't he cut it off, then?" "Please, sir, he hain't got any money to buy a knife."

Indians Customs.
[Toronto Mail.]
A correspondent of the Ottawa Citizen, who states that he has passed eighteen years of his life among the Indian tribes of the Northwest, contradicts the assertion of the *Globe's* Fort Walsh correspondent as to the virtual prevalence of slavery among them, and the practice of Indian parents selling their daughters to white men. He states that it is common upon the marriage of a daughter for the husband to give the bride's father a horse, not as the price of his life, but as a pledge confirmative of the matrimonial obligation he assumes. The custom of redemption appears to have taken place long since among the Indians. Still, it is open to question whether the white men who are parties to these transactions regard the latter in the same light as the Indians, and recognize the binding character of the primitive ceremonial.

...telligent people. In the conversation of
... who are the life of every com-
... which they enter, dull, silent, and
... interesting at home among their chil-
... en. If they have not mental stores
... for both, let them first use what
... have for their own households. A
... ent home is a dull place for young
... ple, a place from which they will
... escape if they can. If the wife has
... tation, on the other hand, is often
... ven in pleasant conversation; and
... that unconscious, but excellent, mental
... taining is lively social argument! Cul-
... ture to the utmost the graces of con-
... sation.

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The evening parties at the Chinese Embassy have been proving attractive. Every week the Marquis de Tseng has given a soiree, preceded by a dinner. His house in the Avenue Kleber is large and handsomely fitted, and the last reception was particularly brilliant. The excellency receives his guests at a drawing-room door, to gain which the guests must pass through a passage, a steep of the staircase and a row of Chinese children on the landing. The marquis wore a short yellow robe; a red cap with a button ornamented his cap, while the tails protruded at the back of it. The marquis was seated, with his little be at five, at the end of the salon, and was surrounded by European ladies. She was in black, with gay patches of color on her corsage, and a large amethyst necklace. The child was in scarlet, braided apparently with colors. Even nationality was represented, but the crush was too great to show the toilettes in detail. There is no doubt, however, that these Chinese receptions increase the taste for rich Eastern brocades interwoven with gold, for which a decided partiality has already been shown. The Chinese are not so much attracted with the Japanese, but no matter how odd and a picturesque element to a Westerner. Chinese silks are made up in the Louis XV. coats; the foundation groundwork is either silk and gold or silk and silver; small dragons are fantastic flowers in dark colors, and stand out in relief from the foundation. Large pockets and revers are worn of a color which are bordered with either enameled or silver niello button Chinese fringes are very popular; they are composed of tiny tufts of floss silk mixed with pearls and coral beads, and are likewise with gold and silver threads. New Chinese embroideries are to replace last year's trimmings; they reproduce the letters of the Chinese alphabet, and are worked in red on an almost transparent crepe foundation; also birds for the purpose of being embroidered on Chinese personages exquisitely sketched in red silk. Parazols are bordered with Japanese designs. A further trimming to be seen on spring costumes consists of satin ribbon, with small Eastern designs interwoven with gold; for example, red and blue pin outlined with gold on a black satin foundation.

Newspaper Libel Suits.

The St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* referring to the dismissal of the \$25,000 suit instituted against it by Madame Carlot

ONE thousand five hundred families are going to take up land in Maryland. The farms will range from one to one hundred acres and the farmer will have from ten to one hundred years to pay for them. Go East, young man, go East.

are as many more millions in it as have been taken out of it. Even at Leadville only a few acres comparatively speaking have been opened up, but enough has been discovered to warrant the statement that Leadville alone will stand twice as much as the Comstock lode, which is said to have added three hundred millions to the world's stock of silver. Indeed, it is claimed that there is silver equally rich under a strip of country twenty miles wide, with numerous branches extending the whole length of Colorado, from Denver to the Mexican border. But mining is so profitable as this can be so easily mixed with the frauds of a capitalist that it becomes dishonest, "wildcat" and dangerous. The temptation of making company managers comes in the way. The mine is hugely over capitalized, and in order to pay a few month dividends on its stock, it is "gouged" and "gouged" by the stockholders. The straining for monthly dividends will sell a new stock compels "gouging" and "gouging" brings on speedy collapse. It is obviously for the interest of those engaged in the great business of developing the immense mineral riches of Colorado not to permit the "gouging" and collapse.

Now that the suit is ended, and the course of this paper is vindicated to the uttermost, the *Post-Dispatch* is willing to acknowledge that the original publication of the article, from the *Leavenworth Times* was a mistake, and had Madame Patti, instead of rushing into useless litigation, requested a correction it would have been made at once. She chose, however, to seek redress elsewhere, and forced a fight upon this paper which was taken up most unwillingly. Strictly and only as a measure of self-defense was the *Leavenworth Times* obliged to publish the article, and the facts proved to be as published. No reputable newspaper will permit an injustice to be done to anyone in its columns, and the persons who find themselves aggrieved would state their wrongs frankly to the newspaper which they imagine trying to injure them, the utmost possible reparation would invariably be made. In a majority of cases the damage suits for libel have degenerated into legalized blackmail; and those who imagine themselves injured by a newspaper will find themselves better off, both in honor and money, if they accept a voluntary correction before they rush to the courts for vindication.